Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* About 800 acres.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Are the Government considering the question of cutting up a canal or something to drain it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes. That is the scheme.

PULIKAMALI—PANGARAPPALLI ROAD

352. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the proposed road to connect Pulikamali with the Peppathipara road at Pangarappalli is being constructed this year; if not, when will it be taken up?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* This road is not being constructed this year. It is not possible to give a definite date when it will be taken up.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Has not some amount been sanctioned for the purpose of opening this road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* I suppose the Hon'ble Minister will be able to tell us. Some Rs. 300 has been allotted for this work.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* (*a*) I cannot say off hand. There are so many roads. I cannot remember them.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* So far as I know the land has been acquired for the purpose. That is why I put this question. I hope the Hon'ble Minister will look into this matter.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. Please see me after the Council.

VILLAGE VIGILANCE COMMITTEES

353. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state when Village Vigilance Societies were started in this State, as also their functions and powers?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* Please see answer to Question No. 204.

SWEET-TODDY TAPPING APPLICATIONS—PALAYANNUR RANGE

354. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state the number of applications for

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